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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have taken any steps for the restoration of democratically elected Government in Fiji; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) Yes, Sir;

(b) Government of India repeatedly urged action at multilateral fora like Commonwealth and United Nations and bilaterally with the Governments of Great Britain, Australia and New Zealand. Timely issue of Statements by us for restoration of constitutional and democratically elected Government in Fiji kept the issue in focus of the international community. Two official delegations were sent to Fiji for an on-the-spot assessment of the situation. PM and EAM received Shri Mahendra Pal Chaudhry twice in India (in August 2000 and February-March, 2001) and had detailed discussions with him while conveying India`s support and solidarity with Fiji`s struggle for constitutionalism and democracy.